

# PERSUASIVE ESSAY CHECKLIST!

## INTRODUCTION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I have an interesting hook that captures the reader's attention?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain my definition of a hero?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain if my character meets that definition or not?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is my last sentence a thesis or a claim about my character?

## BODY PARAGRAPH 1

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a topic sentence that explains what my paragraph is about and the reason I am arguing?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a first example that supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how that example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a second example that supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how the second example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did I write a concluding sentence?

## BODY PARAGRAPH 2

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a topic sentence that explains what my paragraph is about and the reason I am arguing?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a first example that support my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how that example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a second example that supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how the second example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did I write a concluding sentence?

## BODY PARAGRAPH 3 (If you have it)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a topic sentence that explains what my paragraph is about and the reason I am arguing?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a first example that support my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how that example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I provide a second example that supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I explain how the second example supports my reason?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did I write a concluding sentence?

## CONCLUSION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I have a topic sentence that starts the paragraph?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I restate my claim in a different way?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do I summarize the main points of my claim without adding in new ideas?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does my last sentence make the reader glad they read my paper?

## GRAMMAR, SPELLING AND MECHANICS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Have I spelled everything correctly and did I use spell check to make sure?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Did I write in complete sentences?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have I used punctuation correctly?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have I gone through the RADaR process?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Have I read my essay out loud to myself to check for mistakes?

